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Kansas City Has No Robber's Hook; It Is Still a Good Place to Do

PAYROLLS PADDED

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD SETS A SUCCESSFUL TRAP.

OF A CONTINGENT FUND PAID LIBERALLY FOR THE

Detectives Don the Garb of Workingmen and Unearth a Startling Scandal-Seventy Heads Fall -Master Mechanic

Resigns.

PRIVILEGE OF WORKING.

The discharge of a number of machinists and other workmen from the Missouri Pacific shops in Kansas City, Kas., last week was not caused by a necessary reduction in the force as has been stated. It was the result of an investigation made by detectives under the direction of the com-pany's officials at St. Louis. Although an effort has been made to keep the matter quiet, it is generally known by the men at the shops that a startling scandal was un-

The resignation of Master Mechanic New, it is said, was tendered under pressure.

The seventy odd men that were dropped from the pay rolls at the same time were not given an opportunity to resign, but were summarily discharged. The cause for the action, it is alleged, was that they were paying a portion of their wages to certain individuals for the privilege of working.

It is understood that the investigation made by the officials of the company revealed one of the most gigantic "contin-gent" fund schemes ever discovered in railad circles. Just how many, if any, of the foremen and other employes of the company were implicated cannot be ascer-tained as those in a position to know refuse to talk. It is claimed, however, that every man discharged last week was implicated, both as "producers" and "re-ceivers," and it was for that reason they were discharged. It is claimed by some that very nearly \$900 was collected every month, but it is not known who shared in the division. It is suspected that more than one official reaped some benefit.

It is impossible to learn the exact result of the investigation, as it is not yet com-pleted. The men discharged were caught in a trap set by the officials. Some time ago certain men applied at the shops for employment. They were approached on the subject of contributing to the "contingent" fund, they consented to contribute their portion and were put to work. They became dissatisfied with the conditions under which they had accepted employment and circulated a petition among other employes who were under the lash protesting against the untary (?) contributions. It was the aim the "revolutionists" to secure evidence

employes, it was determined to make a thorough investigation.

Two detectives were sent from St. Louis. They presented themselves at the shops and applied for work. They were sounded in regard to the "fund," and, matters being satisfactory to them, they were put to work. This was the beginning of the end. The sleuths mingled with their fellow workmen and became thoroughly acquainted with the whole scheme. Their discoveries were reported to the general superintendent and vice president at St. Louis.

Circular letters were sent to all the workmen, including laborers, engineers and fremen. In this letter each man was asked to state the exact amount he had paid for the privilege of holding his position. They were all assured that the company would refund whatever money had been contributed to the fund. This proved an inducement to open confessions, and a number were made. Those who had contributed were recompensed and discharged.

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It is said that before the investigation is completed other discharges will follow those already made and there are hints at probable arrests. It his been intimated that there is a possibility of the pay rolls having been padded and many "straw men" have been drawing comfortable salaries. Another method that is said to have been in vogue was the employment of laborers and placing them on the pay roll as skilled mechanics. The present investigation will determine to what extent this system of robbery has been practiced, if at all.

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The officials announce that they do not insinuate by any means that all those discharged are guilty, and some in fact who are relieved they know to be innocent, but the roll will remain the same until a full and fair investigation can be made, when all innocent will be treated as innocent and the guilty followed by prosecutions.

William Norton, traveling engineer of the Missouri Pacific, has been placed in charge of the shops temporarily, and is assisting in the investigation. The officials are very close mouthed about the whole affair and postifively refuse to talk for the press, but those who were made to suffer have no qualms about telling very nearly all they know. The end is not yet and a sensation qualms about telling very nearly all they know. The end is not yet and a sensation is promised.

STANLEY'S REQUEST REFUSED Twentieth Kansas Will Return Home by the Same Route It Fol-

lowed to Manila. TOPEKA, April 20,-(Special.) Governor Stanley to-day received a reply to the request of the Sixth Kansas Veterans' Assoclation asking that the Twentieth Kansas when mustered out, be sent home by the way of the Suez canal. The request was refused by the secretary for the reasons giv-

en in the following letter:

War Department, Washington, April 17, 1899. Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of April 13, transmitting the request of the Sixth Kansas Veteran Association, of Topeka, that the Twentieth Kansas be returned to the United States by the way of Suez canal. Requests of this character have come from almost every organization now serving in the Philippines from states west of the Mississippi, and the uniform reply has been given to all of these that, as no transports in the Pacific will be sent back to the United States by way of the Suez canal, it will not be possible to return any troops to any place other than to San Brancisco. The fleet of transports now on the Pacific ocean is so limited that it would not be practicable, if other conditions permitted, to take any of them from their present station, Very truly yours.

R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.
To Hon. W. E. Stanley, Governor, Topeka, Kas.

Kansas Select Friends.

CHANUTE, KAS., April 20.—(Special.)
The state convention of the Select Friends has been in session here for two days for the purpose of electing delegates to the national convention in August. Nearly a hundred visitors are here. The home lodge gave a banquet last night to the visitors and another one to-night. The twelve delegated the state of the second service of the second s nother one to-night. The twelve dele-and twelve alternates were elected

AFTER BOTH CONVENTIONS.

Councilman Brinkley Will Introduce Resolution in the Council at the Next Meeting.

An effort is to be made to enlist both houses of the council and the national and state committees of both the Republican and Democratic parties in the effort to secure for Kansas City either one of the national conventions. At the next meeting of the council Councilman Brinkley will introduce the following resolution:

Whereas, Kansas City is situated very nearly in he geographical center of the United States, being accessible to all parts thereof; and, Whereas, This city has unequaled railway facilities and is well provided with hotels and other accommoinitial weil provides with another and other accountiations to properly care for a large crowd; and, Whereas, Our citizens have recently creeted a Convention hall with a seating capacity of 20,909, which is admirably adapted for use for political conventions.

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Whereas, No national convention of either of the
eat political parties has ever been held in this
ty; therefore, be it
Resolved. By the lower house of the common council Resolved. By the lower house of the common council of Kansas City, the upper house concurring therein:
That the members of the national committee for the state of Misseuri, and of the state committees, and all the local political committees, of both parties, be and they are hereby requested to use their utmost endeavors and influence to secure the helding of the next national convention of their respective parties in Kansas City.

That a copy of this revolution be sent by the city clerk to each member of the national committee residing in Missouri, and to each member of the state

The committee, of each of the two great pointed parties.
The committee appointed by the Missouri Republican Club to try to secure for this city the next national Republican convention will be called together by the chairman, Wallace Love, next week for the purpose of taking such further action as may be necessary.

WAS IN HIS INSIDE POCKET.

Simon Block Falls an Easy Victim to a Woman, Who Robs Him of 871 in Cash.

Simon Block, a clerk employed in M. Quinn's grocery store, at 549 Main street, vas robbed of \$71 last night by a woman whose name he does not know. The robbery occurred at Ninth street and Baltimore avenue. Block had the money in a pocketbook which he had tucked away in an inside pocket. The woman took the pocketbook from the garment, extracted the roll of bills and replaced it without Block's knowledge. Soon after she disap-peared he discovered his loss and he then peared he discovered his loss and he then ran all of the way to the police station to report his loss. He was so badly excited and so nearly out of breath that it was some time before he could relate his story to Inspector Halpin.

"It's gone, all gone," feebly whispered young Block as he fell into a chair in the inspector's office and pressed both hands to his side. "It was every dollar I had and I was going to put it into the bank to-morrow."

when he finally recovered sufficiently to relate his story and Detectives Lowe and Keshlear started out with him to search for the female robber he bounded down the steps leading to police headquarters and bolted out the door like a mad man. The detectives had to run to keep up with him.

WAS NEWSPAPER NIGHT.

Representatives of Local Papers Addressed Knife and Fork Club.

The fifth monthly dinner of the Knife and Fork Club, a social organization made up largely of young professional and busiagainst those who were exacting blood ness men, was held in the banquet rooms money, and then place the matter before of the Coates House last night. It was "newspaper night," the speakers being The evidence was secured and a state- representatives of the four daily newspa-

CHICAGO. April 20.—The new board of directors of the Chicago & Alton railroad will meet in New York to-morrow and elect the general officers of the company. At the recent meeting held here E. H. Harriman, president, was the only officer elected. It is expected that C. H. Chappell, vice president and general manager of the company, will be reappointed to both positions. Mr. Chappell left for New York on Tuesday, The question of improvements along the road and the purchage of new equipment will be among the matters considered by the board.

Missionaries Adjourn.

NEWTON, KAS., April 20.—(Special.) The Women's Presbyterian Missionary Societies of the Emporia presbytery adjourned this afternoon, after a three days' session devoted to transaction of routine matters. The old officers in both home and foreign societies were re-elected with two exceptions. A resolution was adopted unanimously memorializing congress to unseat B. H. Roberts, the polygamous Utah congressman. Copies of this resolution will be sent the Kansas congressment. the Kansas congressmen.

Anti-Expectoration Crusade.

TOPEKA, April 20.—(Special.) Miss Elizabeth Smith, who is employed as a clerk in the Bank of Topeka, is starting a movement to have a city ordinance passed making the act of expectorating on sidewalks punishable by a fine or imprisonment. Miss Smith has a petition which she is circulating and already has a long list of signers.

Sucs for \$30,000 for Breach of Promise INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 20.-Cora G. omer, of Chicago, filed suit in the federal urt to-day against Michael A. Jordan, of ogansport, demanding \$30,000 for breach of ogansport, demanding \$30,000 for breach of omisc. Miss Comer is 20 years of age, he charges that Jordan, who is worth 00,000, agreed to marry her, but instead doing so he married another woman.

Wheeling Street Car Strike.

WHEELING, W. VA., April 20.—A better feeling prevails and it is believed there will be no more obstructions placed in the path of the street car company operating its lines. Cars are running to-night for the first time after dark since the strike was inaugurated two weeks ago.

Want a Duty on Cotton

TALLAHASSEE. FLA., April 20.—The legislature has adopted by a majority vote of both houses a memorial to congress asking an import duty on Egyptian cotton. A duty of 50 per cent ad valorem and 5 cents per pound on all long stapled cotton imported into the United States is favored.

Owes \$574.140-Has Nothing.

NEW YORK, April 20 .- Henry W. Strus NEW 10KK, April 20.—Henry W. Struss has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$73.140 and no assets. Nearly all the liabilities were contracted as a partner in the firm of Louis Franck & Co. manufacturers of silk yarns, which failed

Alger Will Not Retire.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—A positive de-nial is given from an undoubted source to the report that a change is contemplated in the cabinet of President McKinley by the retirement of Secretary Alger.

Prominent Insurance Lawyer Dead NEW YORK, April 20.—William D. Whit-ing, one of the most prominent insurance lawyers in the United States, died at his home in this city to-day, aged 54 years. He was a native of New Orleans.

General Shafter Improving. SYCAMORE, ILL., April 20.—Major General Shafter's health is much improved today. He is greatly enjoying the quiet and rest.

JACKSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS HOPE TO PASS IT.

EXCISE FEATURE

SACRIFICING EVERYTHING BUT THE INCREASED PAY.

Governor Stephens Comes to Kansa City and Confers With His Trusted Lieutenants-Says He Is on a "Shopping Expedition."

JEFFERSON CITY, April 20 .- (Special.) The Kansas City police bill which was to have been reported by the committee on municipal corporations was held over as a result of a decision reached in a caucus held by the enemies of home rule. It was decided to amend the bill by omitting the excise clause, which gave the police commissioners absolute power to grant saloon licenses without regard to the wishes of the residents or property owners of the districts in which soloons are to be permitted to open.

It was realized at the last moment by the leaders in this attempt to defeat home rule and self-government in Kansas City that they had overreached themselves and that defeat would carry with it the satary grab measure for which the police force is said to have put up \$1,000 to assist in securing its passage.

James Pendergast and Arthur Chapman who runs a cigar store and card tables on Twelfth street, and James Vincil, secretary of the board of police commissioners, were in the caucus. It was agreed to drop the excise clause entirely and to make an effort to compromise with Senator Lyons and secure an amendment to the excise com-missioner bill.

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Arthur Chapman drafted an amendment to the house police bill which was accepted by the committee. While not containing any provision for an increase in the police force, it goes beyond the fondest dreams of the salary grabbers within the scope outlined. The total increase in salaries amounts to nearly \$50,000 per annum. The chief of police, who by the terms of the original bill, was not to have an increase, gets an additional \$1,000. His secretary is to have \$000 a year more and a secretary with a comfortable salary of \$1,200.

The amendment carries the anti-home rule plan of the original bill to the extent of fixing the fine of any municipal officer who shall in any way obstruct the execution of this law, at \$1,000, and the forfeiture of his office. It is mandatory upon the council to pay the increased salaries.

The amendment to the excise commissioner bill proposed is to place the appointment of the commissioner in the governor's hands. The bill now provides that the commissioner, who shall issue and revoke saloon licenses, shall be elected by the people. It passed the senate a week ago, but a majority vote may call it up for reconsideration. Senator Lyons said he would not hear to a compromise; he proposes to stand by home rule to the end.

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the officials.

The evidence was secured and a statement of alleged facts was sent to the company's officials at St. Louis. It was not the first time that such information had reached headquarters, but heretofore it was always satisfactorily explained, and as no proof could be adduced the matter was dropped. When the last protest reached the officials, the truthfuness being vouched for by a great number of the company's employes, it was determined to make a thorough investigation.

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cidence, which resulted in the meeting of all of the leading henchmen of the governor.

After the theater the party, consisting of Messrs. Julian, Gregory, Fleming and the governor, went to the Midland hotel and were caucusing until a late hour when the governor excused himself, stating that he would have to be awakened early so that he could "do the marketing."

It was stated last night that the pollicians were in consultation concerning the latest developments in regard to the party last night were very anxious for the measure to become a law and are willing to make almost any sterifice to secure the desired result. The governor is very anxious for the bill to pass, and it is thought that his sudden visit was prompted by a desire to secure the hearty co-operation of the Stephens licutenants in this city.

Majors Julian and Fleming denied that the governor's visit had any significance. "The governor is simply on a shopping expedition," said Major Fleming, "and the visit has nothing to do with politics."

"We did not discuss anything of any importance." declared Major Julian; "really, if we had talked about anything we would have been delighted to give it to the press."

WILL PAY IN CASH. ing Three Persons.

Rumor Current That Specie Payment Will Be Resumed at Missouri's State House.

JEFFERSON CITY, April 20.-(Special.) It is probable that within a day or two there will be a resumption of specie payments at the state house, which means that the warrants of state officers, legisators and clerks will be cashed by State Treasurer Pitts, Heretofore during this Treasurer Pitts, Heretofore during this session these warrants have either been protested or they have been cashed at a slight shave by local banks. This caused considerable comment adverse to the credit of the state and many were the conferences held by the state officers and much pressure was brought to bear upon the treasurer to induce him to manipulate the public funds, as former Democratic treasurers have done, and by that means cover the deficit in the revenue fund and save the warrants from protest. Pitts was told that he was forever politically dead in the state unless the warrants of members and clerks were soon cashed.

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To-day Attorney General Crow delivered to the state treasurer a lengthy opinion, which may be construed to mean that warrants may be cashed without imperiling the constitution. It is generally believed that next week will see the resumption of specie payments. If the withholding of members pay was intended as a club to secure the enactment of revenue legislation, the necessity for the club was obviated by the passage of the beer bill.

Volunteer Claims Approved.

TOPEKA, April 20.—(Special.) Governor Stanley to-day approved all the claims created by the state in the organization of the Kansas volunteers last year and the adjutant general will pay them off at once. They aggregate \$20,000. The state will be reimbursed by the federal government upon the presentation of the documents showing that all of the ciaims have been paid.

Kansas Cityans in Metropolis.

NEW YORK, April 20.-(Special.) Kansas City hotel arrivals:
Metropole—E. Hickman, D. Elliott.
Imperial—E. H. Jones.
Astor—C. E. Hall.
Marlborough—D. P. Brown.
St. Cloud—George Acton.
Murray Hill—George L. Etheridge and
Miss Etheridge.

Artistic decorator, Harry E. Cramer, 1279 Grand ave

eign Missionary Society of

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., April 20 .- After a three days' session, the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the West adjourned this evening, after electing the following officers: President, Mrs. J. E. Scott, Chicago; vice, president, Mrs. J. H. Randall, St. Paul: state vice presidents: Colorado, Mrs. J. B. McLean, Denver; Illinois, Mrs. B. A. Greene, Evanston; Indiana, Mrs. O. J. Dearborn, Indianapolis; Indian Territory, Mrs. S. A. Carey, Muskogee; Iowa, Mrs. F. Y. Atchison, Des Moines; Michigan, Mrs. F. Y. Atchison, Des Moines; Michigan, Mrs. F. R. Lathrop, Minneapolis; Missouri, Mrs. C. T. Trueblood, St. Louis; North Dakota, Mrs. F. J. Miles, Grand Forks; South Dakota, Mrs. F. J. Miles, Grand Forks; South Dakota, Mrs. E. H. Retan, Parkersburg; Wisconsin, Mrs. E. H. Retan, Parkersburg; Wisconsin, Mrs. William Lindsay, Milwaukee; Wyoming, Mrs. H. E. Hitch, Laramie; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. M. Bacon, Chicago; assistants, Misses Frances A. Richardson and Ella M. Boynton, both of Kalamazoo, Mich.; treasurer, Mrs. Matilda E. Kline, Chicago; auditors, Mrs. E. K. Burts and Mrs. George A. Holloway, both of Chicago; executive committee (all of Chicago), Mesdames F. Kohlssat, C. A. Hammond, M. L. La Moreux, W. B. Mathews, I. T. Regan, F. E. Stearns, C. B. Burgess, J. N. Jones, F. H. Griffith. Colorado, Mrs. J. B. McLean, Denver; Illi-

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Executive Committee Has Arranged a Programme for the Wich-Ita Meeting.

WICHITA, KAS., April 20.—(Special.) The executive committee of the Trans-Mississippl congress has suggested the following subjects for discussion: "Irrigation and the Arid Regions" -(a) Should con

gress legislate in their interests? (b) What can be done for this region by individual effort? (c) New plants adapted to arid lands.
"Improvement of Western Rivers"—(a) Floods of
the Mississippi, cause and remedy. (b) Deep water at
the mouth of the Mississippi. (c) Preservation of the Water Transportation"—(a) Nicaraguan canal. (b)

"Water Transportation"—(a) Nicaraguan canal, (b) Harbors on the Pacific coast. (c) Guif outlet.
"Transportation Facilities of the West"—(a) Equitable rates to tide water.
"Our Trade and How to Increase It"—(a) With Mexico, Japan, China, Hawaii, the Philippines and Cuba. (b) Pacific coast cable. (c) Shipbuilding on Pacific coast. Pacific coast.

"Mining in the West"—(a) Should there be a national department of mines?

"Agriculture"—(a) Beet sugar industry. (b) Introduction of our Indian corn in Europe as a culinary article.

"National Quarantine."

"Statehood for the Territories."

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"Monroe Doctrine."
"Homestead Laws."
"Trusts and Combines"—(a) Are they beneficial?
"Our Foreign Possessions."
"United States Senators; Should They Be Elected by the People Direct"
"Our Representation at the Louisiana Purchase
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A \$25,000 HOG CASE.

Purchasers of "Klever's Model." the Famous Poland-China, Must

resentatives of the large cooperage stock houses of the United States and Canada

A BIT OF WAR AFTERMATH. American Shell Fired Last Summer Exploded Sunday in Cuba, Kill-

HAVANA, April 20 .- Mail advices to La Lucha from Manzanillo say that an Amercan shell, fired last summer during the bombardment of the town by the United States warships, exploded last Sunday, killing three persons and wounding many othrs. The shell had been fired into a cafe alled "The Labyrinth of Gold," and workmen were digging it from under the floor, where it had penetrated deeply. The shell exploded, wrecking the room.

\$100,000,000 TO CHARITY.

The Estate of the Late Baroness Hirsch Is Valued at \$125,-000,000.

VIENNA, April 20.-The Neue Freie Presse asserts that the estate left by the who died April 1, has been valued at \$125, in carrying on the various charities founded or fostered by the baroness and baron. The Hirsch foundation in New York re-ceived \$1,200,000, and the institution at Mon-treal one-tenth of that amount. 000,000, of which \$100,000,000 will be expended

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

Three cases of yellow fever developed in Havana yesterday, Colonel Davis isolated Alvin Barbour, of Missouri, a \$1,200 clerk in the Indian office, has been promoted to

Dr. L. R. Sellers, of Fort Scott, has been appointed assistant physician at the Osawatomie asylum. The Mexican senate has unanimously adopted the new extradition treaty with the United States. the United States.

A postoffice has been established at Santuzza, Lewis county, Mo., with Roswell E. Long as postmaster.

W. S. Stratton's famous Independence mine at Cripple Creek has been sold to an English syndicate for \$10,000,000.

The contract for fuel for the public build-ng at Salina, Kas., for the fiscal year end-ng June 30, 1900, has been awarded to Leisght & Haven at \$180. Leisght & Haven at \$190.

The contract for carrying the United States mail from Pierceton to Ponca, and from Tonkawa to Blackwell, O. T., has been awarded to J. U. Robinson, and from Mahany to Cordell, O. T., to C. R. Baugh.

MISSION WORKERS ADJOURN. MRS. GEORGE'S BOY

HE TESTIFIES IN BEHALF OF HIS MOTHER.

SAW HER SIT ON SAXTON'S LAP

VICTIM FREQUENTLY VISITED HER APARTMENTS.

He Gave the Children Presents and Sent Them to Bed-Mysterious "Man in Black" Is Again Introduced by a Witness.

CANTON, O., April 20 .- The defense for Mrs. George to-day put on the stand a witness that testified that she saw a man in a long black mackintosh and cape, wearing a white sailor hat, passing her home, which is one of the routes from the Althouse home to the center of the city, soon after the shooting of Saxton. This evidence was intended to follow in the claim of "the man in black" that was seen approaching the Althouse home by one of the witnesses who testified yester-

Newton George, the 17-year-old son of the accused, was put on the stand to testify as to the intimate relations he had witnessed between his mother and Sax-

Quite a number of court records were introduced in evidence. The closing hour of the day indicated that the defense has nearly concluded its case.

The defense began with an attack on state witnesses alleged to be addicted to the oplum and morphine habits. Dr. Eyman, superintendent of the state asvium a person addicted to those habits loses honor and truthfulness and retains little or no principle.

Lizzie Miller testified that on the night of October 7 she saw passing her home in Linden avenue a form in black Henderson, and Henderson's friends here which looked like a woman. When it came are confident he will have the full Iowa del-

Purchasers of "Klever's Model." the Famous Poland-China, Must Pay for Him.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 20.—The celebrated "Klever's Model" case was decided in the Sangamon circuit court to-day by the jury returning a verdict that the hog in question was "Klever's Model." Thomas Shappud, the former janitor, in question was "Klever's Model." The hog was sold at the state fair grounds here, August 27, 1837, by George G. Council, or Williamsville, to a symi-sate composed of A. M. Caldwell and others, for S. 25, 500.

A. M. Caldwell and others, for \$25,000 and bank, testified to issuing drafts to be highest price ever paid for a hog. Purchasers refused payment, alleging "Klever's Model" was dead, and that the hog which they had bought was "Columbia Wilkes. At the first Irial. The jury disagreed columbia wilkes, was produced in evidence and identified.

HUGE INSURANCE SUIT.

Arkanasa Attorney General Institutes Proceedings Against Connecticut

Fire Insurance Company.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., April 20.—Attorney General Davis to-day instituted in Pulsaki circuit court thirty-six suits for \$5,000 each against the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company charging it with being a member of the pool, trust, agreement, combination or understanding with other corporations engaged in similar business to regulate or fix the price or premium to be paid for insuring property. The suits coverence of the price or premium to be paid for insuring property. The suits coverence of the spring property. The suits covered the suits of the s

resentatives of the large cooperage stock houses of the United States and Canada met here to-day for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. O. J. Hill, of Kansas City, was made temporary chairman and M. C. Moore, of Milwaukee, secretary. The delegates included manufacturers of stock staves, heading and hoops for barrels. Heretofore there has been no organization in this industry, but the advance in raw materials has forced manufacturers to get together.

Several other witnesses had been examined regarding them.

Newton George told of the two occasions he had lived in the Saxton block, first with his mother alone. He told the mere fact that his mother and his father had separated. He said Saxton was often in the rooms during both times that they lived in the said Saxton was often in the rooms during both times that they lived in the said Saxton was often in the rooms during both times that they lived in the said Saxton was often in the rooms during both times that they lived in the Saxton block, first with his mother and mother, and again with his mother and mother, and again with his mother and his father had separated. He said Saxton was often in the rooms during both times that they lived in the said saxton was often in the rooms during both times that they lived in the Saxton block, first with his mother alone. He told the mere fact that his mother and his father had separated. He said Saxton was often in the rooms during both times that they lived in the Saxton block, first with his mother and mother, and some properties.

TO AVOID MOB VIOLENCE.

Murderers Clevenger and Wade Re moved From the Liberty Jail Last Night.

LIBERTY, MO., April 20 .- (Special.) Information was received here this afternoon the effect that a body of men would arrive in Liberty to-night from Miltondale arrive in Liberty to-night from Miltondale and Ray county for the purpose of lynching Ernest Clevenger, held for the murder of George Allen, and his cousin, Miss Della Clevenger, on December 8 last. Deputy Sheriff Ed Cave decided it advisable to transfer the prisoner to a safer place, so he was taken on the 9:35 Burlington train to some place temporarily, and will probably be returned to Liberty in a few days. The citizens of Liberty seemed to lack interest in the case and manifested no desire to take the law in their own hands, as it is the universal opinion here that Clevenger will get his deserts at the hands of the law. Wade was also taken away with Clevenger.

Renson a Choctaw Murderer Assigns for the Killing of Three

People.

ST. LOUIS, April 20 .- A special to the Republic from Antlers, I. T., says: Solomon E. Hoteman, the fullblooded Choctaw Indian who was arrested on the charge of murdering a man and two women last Friday, near Cold Springs, has written a confession of his guilt, in which he attributes his actions to the teachings of his peculiar creed. In his confession he states that he killed the three persons and did so because of their "evil practice of magic among the Indian people." A prevalent sickness had been ascribed to these supposed "witches" and he took their lives. In his confession he says he committed these murders to sacrifice his life for the Lord's cause and the love of his people. It is thought religion unbalanced his mind. dian who was arrested on the charge of

Fatally Assaulted in Jail. PAGLI, IND., April 20.—John Flora, whose trial was set for to-day for the murder of Jessie Burton, was fatally injured in the jail here last night by a crazy prisoner named Wall. Wall suddenly became mad during the night and seizing a poker, beat Flora so that he cannot recover.

the Detroit house of correction to-night by scaling the walls. They were in the sick ward, and from there got into the prison yard and mounted the wall. Both were serving time for postoffice robberies.

Railroad Agent Robbed. TALALA, I. T., April 20.—(Special.) Last night a masked man compelled Agent Julian, of the Iron Mountain road, at the point of a gun, to open the safe and deliver the contents. Only a small sum was secared. The robber escaped.

KANSAS TELEGRAPH FIGHT.

Auditor Cole Will Refuse to Audit Bills Presented at the Old Rate.

TOPEKA, April 20 .- (Special.) The state of Kansas will soon take a hand in war now being waged against the telegraph companies for their failure to put in the new rates as fixed by law. All of the state officers run bills with the tele-graph companies and pay the first of each month. These bills go through the regular channels. When the bills are presented May 1, Auditor Cole will refuse to audit them unless they are at the reduced rate which they will not be. The companies

will then probably institute mandamus proceedings against the auditor in the su-preme court, and in this way a decision preme court, and in this way a decision can be secured as to the constitutionality of the law.

The Western Union Company, tiring of The Western Union Company, tiring of the annoyance Attorneys McKeever and McClintock and Justice Wright are puting it to in the multiplicity of suits for damages, this afternoon filed suit in the Shawnee county district court to enjoin McKeever and McClintock from prosecuting the suits before 'Squire Wright. The justice was also enjoined from hearing the cases, McKeever had 299 more suits prepared just as injunction papers were served on him. Another attorney took them and filed them before Justice Wright before the injunction papers were served on him. This makes 350 suits now pending against the Western Union. Other suits will be filed in other courts. The first batch of cases was set for hearing before Justice Wright to-morrow, but the injunction proceedings filed in the district court will cause a delay. The injunction suit is set for hearing next Monday.

TWO IOWA CANDIDATES.

Both Hepburn and Henderson Would Like to Succeed Reed as

DES MOINES, IA., April 20.-Iowa has two full-fledged candidates for the speakership. A Dubuque special says Hepburn, in which looked like a woman. When it came closer the corner of the cape turned back and she found it was a man with a long black coat and cape. Linden avenue is a possible route to the city from the Althouse place.

Alva Whipple, H. E. Mook and Mrs. Mook testified to the darkness of the night. W. B. Dewees, Mrs. Maud Randall and Joseph A. Loippert testified to burrs growing along the sidewalk next to the house where Mrs. George roomed.

Thomas Sheppard, the former janitor, was recalled and testified to having heard suxton say he would kick Mrs. George out.

KANSAS CITY MAN AT HEAD. 0. J. Hill Elected President of an Association of Cooperage Stock

majority.

Makers. CHICAGO, April 20 .- Representatives of the cooperage stock mills of the United States and Canada formed to-night the States and Canada formed to-night the States and Canada formed to-night the wide there and great volumes of the milk the milk the following officers.

The Missouri river has not broken lollowing omcers

Association," with the following officers elected: President, O. J. Hill, Kansas City, vice president, T. J. Wylle, Saginaw, Mich.; secretary-treasurer, M. C. Moore, of Milwaukee.

The objects of the association, as set forth in its constitution, are for social benefits only, the question of prices on materials not being considered at the meetings held to-day.

Thirty-five representatives of cooperage mills were present, representing more than standard for the constitution of wolf reconstitution of wolf reconstitution are formally as a set of last night tenths of a foot. The standard formal constitution of the consideration of the mills were present, representing more than fifty mills throughout this country and Canada. The association will hold meetings semi-annually. The next meeting will probably be held either in Buffalo or Description.

WANT TO RETURN TO CUBA. The 40,000 Who Emigrated During the

War Are Anxious to Get Back. NEW YORK, April 20.-T. Estrada Pal ma, who, until the recent dissolution of the Cuban assembly, was its representative in this country, said to-day that he was now engaged in facilitating the repatriation of the Cubans who had left the island in consequence of the war. Fully 40:093 Cubans, he declared, had emigrated from Cuba and virtually all were anxious to return, while few were able to do so. Mest of them had come to this country—to Tampa, Key West and this city—many had gone to Mexico and Santa Domingo. Through the efforts of himself and his associates hundreds had been returned. The bulk of them, however, were still exiled by poverty from Cuba. na, who, until the recent dissolution of the

and Pipe creek, about fifteen miles below Wheeling, exploded from some unknown cause. The gas pouring out at the break is now burning, and illuminates the surrounding country. This pipe line conducts natural gas from the interior of West Virginia into Southern Ohio cities.

The gas was turned off at the wells in Wetzel country at 10 o'clock. It is supposed the gas was ignited by sparks from massing

the gas was ignited by sparks from passing steamboats. A farmhouse is said to have been burned. CROSS BANK DIVIDEND. Depositors to Get Another 10 Per Cent

at Once and Will Get 50 Per Cent in All. EMPORIA, KAS., April 20,-(Special.) The comptroller has ordered a dividend of le per cent to the depositors of the defunct First National bank. The payment will he made on or before May 15. The assets be made on or before May 15. The assets of the bank to-day seem to indicate that the bank will eventually pay 50 cents on the dollar. Mr. Albaugh is pushing things with great vigor. He is forcing collections and is bringing some of the old paper to life. This is the second dividend declared. The first, which was paid about two months ago, was 20 per cent.

Jointkeepers Plead Guilty. COFFEYVILLE, KAS. April 20.—(Special.) The hearing of the eleven jointkeepers arrested last Saturday was held before Judge Ziegler in the city court this afternoon. They all pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping clubhouses where intoxicating liquors were sold. They were each fined \$100 and costs. Judge Ziegler also granted an injunction, restraining each of the defendants from erganging in the liquor

the defendants from engaging in the liquor business in Montgomery county. Thomas Cross to Get It. TOPEKA, April 20 .- (Special.) The local

controversy concerning the appointment of a grain inspector for Topeka is expected to end to-day or to-morrow and Thomas Cross will be appointed to the position, which pays \$75 per month. The Lincoln Farm Sold.

Two Men Escape From Prison.

DETROIT. MICH., April 20.—Raymond Morgan, of Milwaukee, and Thomas O'Keefe, of Grand Rapids, escaped from probably be converted into a park.

MECKLIN, S. D., FLOODED WITH ITS WATERS.

LOSS OF LIVE STOCK REPORTED

T OMAHA SITUATION IS GETTING SERIOUS.

Lowlands of Nebraska and South Da kota Have Been Given Over to the Flood and Farmers Have Sought Places

of Safety.

OMAHA, NEB., April 28.-The river is still rising at this point and is now within lowlands on both sides of the river are partially under water now. in the northeast part of the city are at other foot will flood a large number. to reach any of the manufacturing industries or large warehouses. The tracks of the Omaha Bridge and Terminal Company in East Omaha are under water in The water is up to the newly made grade but no danger is reported as yet. Reports from up the river indicate a still facrise at this point.

Specials from Onawa, la., river is the highest since 1882, and still der water. At Meckilla, S. D., the streets in the lower part of the tuwn are water. The Sloux and Flood rivers are current indicate loss of line stock. stand, registering fifthen feet. The North-

western has repaired the be

agnin. All along the lowinmis in No South Dakota from Slong Chy nor water is out of the banks and farmers have removed their stock and places of safety. No larmen of m are reported and it is not will be any except as the water man the land long enough to present pe

tracks at Rousseau and trains are moving

At 7 o'clock to-night, day efforts of Swift & Co. to pres that had backed into Bloremos lakes breaking through and curri lake, the water began to nour user the west bank. The stream at mi thirty feet wide and over a final deyears ago the same thing tions that the river was

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GAS PIPE LINE EXPLODES.

Gas Pouring Out of the Break, Which Is Near Wheeling, Is

Burning.

WHEELING, W. VA., April 20.—To-night shortly before 9 o'clock the gas pipe line of the Hope Natural Gas Company, which crosses the river between Round Bottom and Pipe creek, about fifteen miles below Wheeling, exploded from some unknown cause. The gas pouring out at the break is the standard on the piles a month.

PLATTE IS TURBULENT.

Predicted Flood Has Made his hapenrance at Maryville, Ma-

MARYVILLE, MO. April 26-The heavy rain which whited Stripeson Missouri last night has because the field Missouri has been predicted and expected all which has been predicted and expected and the spring. The White Cloud and Nochaway rivers were out of their banks has morning and many charles have been and their banks were forward and considerable other charact was some The Flatte, in the watern part of the country and the "NL" passing through the walle, have been rights all the

At Oregen.

OREGON, MO. April 28 - Special a storm in Southeastern Heat use might lidd several thousand Differs summer Houses were blown of their Southeastern wrecked, live stock allest and repoled, No loss of human life, but several narrow escapes. Eridges in that part are washed ways. narrow escape washed away. At Webb Clev. WEBB CITY, MO. April 36-Special, puring the entire day to-day a own mar

Hall in Indian Territ

SOUTH M'ALESTER, E. T., April 12-(Special.) There was a heavy thail during here to-day, which damaged growing prop-and gardens.

Wheat Crop Will Be Less CHICAGO, April 20.—The Trade Suffering conceding all damage claims in the states between the Ohio and Missouri givers stimates that the winter wheat crop promises 27,00,000 bushels, or 55,00,000 bushels less than last year.

Frisce Insurance Ro

SAN FRANCISCO, April 39.—The ins ance compact in this city has announced big reduction in insurance rates, rang from 15 to 25 per cent.